



DELAWARE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF DELAWARE
LEGISLATIVE HALL
DOVER, DELAWARE 19901

July 15, 2022

Governor John C. Carney Jr.
Tatnall Building
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Governor Carney:

We are writing to you to support the removal of the State Auditor from office upon entry of judgement by the Superior Court, as prescribed in the Delaware Constitution and further supported by case law that you have cited.

We have witnessed the State Auditor become the first sitting statewide elected official in Delaware history to be charged with a crime. We watched the criminal proceedings move forward and on July 1, the State Auditor was found guilty by a jury of three public corruption misdemeanor charges: conflict of interest, structuring, and official misconduct. Afterward, the State Auditor repeated her refusal to resign from office, despite renewed calls from state and local officials for her to step down.

As elected officials, we take the oath of office all of us have sworn to uphold very seriously, putting the best interests of the state and its people above all personal or special interests. Ethical behavior and adhering to the law are paramount to an elected official maintaining public trust, especially those in a statewide office tasked with serving as a financial watchdog.

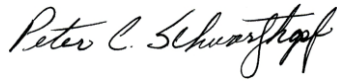
The [Delaware Constitution](#) clearly spells out in Article XV, Section 6 that the Governor must remove a public official who has been convicted of certain crimes: "All public officers shall hold their offices on condition that they behave themselves well. The Governor **shall** remove from office any public officer **convicted of misbehavior in office** or of any infamous crime." (Emphasis added)

The crimes the State Auditor has been found guilty of meet the Constitutional criteria of "misbehavior in office," and that as a result, you are obligated to remove her from office upon entry of a judgement of conviction by the Superior Court.

We, the undersigned members of the Delaware General Assembly, agree with your assessment of the constitutional provisions with Article XV, Section 6 providing the most clear and direct path forward for the removal of the State Auditor from her elected office as prescribed in Delaware Constitution once the verdict has been entered by the Superior Court. We support the removal of

the Auditor and agree with your public statement that the Auditor cannot continue to serve the people of Delaware given the circumstances.

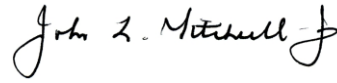
Sincerely,



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